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Announcement that the federal government is after "draft slackers" is a thorn of discontent in the side of reassurance. Let the good work go on.

Congress has decided that a man may keep liquor in the house after July 1 but has not decided how he can get the liquor to keep, which, some aver, is going only half way.

One of the qualifications of President Hopkins of Dartmouth college apparently is to be able to get money, for he was able to announce at the recent commencement exercises donations of approximately a million and a quarter dollars. It was an addition to the resources of the college which any institution would be glad to receive.

The Franklin field, Boston, accident in which two children were killed and one other injured by an alighting airplane will, of course, be guarded against in Barre in the Fourth of July welcome to the returning service men when one of the greatest crowds in the history of the city is expected. The place where the aviator is to start and alight will have to be kept completely clear of people in order to avert the chance of injury or death to any of the spectators.

The re-election of Lyman C. Hunt as principal of Spaulding high school will meet with approval of the public of Barre and vicinity, as Mr. Hunt has given good service during the year in which he has served at the head of the school, and with the year's experience with the local situation will undoubtedly be in a position to render more efficient service another year. Superintendent White and the school commissioners have been fortunate in securing teachers of experience to fill the places of those who resigned at the close of the school year, and the prospects are that the school year of 1919-20 will be successful, barring some of the handicaps which have been imposed during the last few years by reason of epidemics.

Despite the inroads brought about by death during the past year, the Washington County Veterans' association (composed of men who served in the Civil war) has still a numerous membership, so numerous, in fact, as to assure the continuance of the annual reunions at Devery park for many years to come. It must be with ever-increasing heart stirrings that the comrades of 1861-65 gather for their chats and their campfires; and they must return to their homes with a feeling of satisfaction over the good fellowship which they enjoy at the reunions. One can readily imagine how much they treasure the memories of the old days and how they look forward expectantly to greeting their fellow-Yankees each summer. May the reunions of the Washington County Veterans' association be kept up for many years!

Such a varied program of events has been prepared for the welcoming reception to the service men in the great war on the Fourth of July that the day's activities will almost surely appeal to all tastes and desires. For those who like noise and movement there will be plenty of sound and activity; for those who seek the bizarre and the novel there will be enough to keep them busy the greater part of the day; for those who appreciate the lines of beauty there will be an exhibition of the artistic that is sure to be pleasing; for those who take pleasure in horses and sporting events there will be a good program of events; for those who take pleasure just in the chance to see a vast crowd it is already guaranteed that their desires will be fulfilled. In short, as already stated, there will be something to interest nearly anybody and everybody who may come to Barre next Friday to participate in the grand welcome to the boys who have served in the great war. It promises to be a big day in the calendar of the year, perhaps the biggest that has been noted in a decade or so.

FAIRNESS IN HANDLING LIQUOR LICENSE MONEY.

Inasmuch as the state is receiving the money from liquor license fees, the cities and towns getting nothing, it would seem to be the businesslike and fair thing for the state of Vermont to make good the refunds on licenses which may be made by a city or town under orders from the boards of license commissioners, who are named by the state and are accountable to the state. The city or town municipality acts merely as an agent between liquor licensees and the commonwealth of Vermont and should not be compelled to stand losses through failure of the state to make good on refunded money to licensees. There is a case at hand in Barre, where the board of license commissioners last year ordered the city to pay back to a licensee a pro rata amount of the annual license fee, the license having been cancelled; the city paid the money in good faith and then went to the state for reimbursement only to be met with rebuff. And there the matter stands. The municipality of Barre was not responsible for the



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cancelling of the license and had nothing to do with the granting of the license and had no share in the fees collected from the licensees, yet the city has to beg for the money which it refunded to the licensee and may have to go to law to collect the amount so refunded. There is nothing fair nor equitable in such a position taken by the state of Vermont; and it is to be hoped that a change of front will be taken in treatment of this case as well as at least one other case that has developed with similar conditions.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN VERMONT.

At least two new summer camps for young people are being opened in Vermont during the present season, one of them being intended for girls and the other for boys, and in each instance accommodations are being made to care for over a hundred. This is a field of activity in which Vermont seems destined to play an important part, although the movement is slow to make its way into this state. Vermont offers exceptional opportunities for the care and training of young people in recreation camps, having the advantages of being far removed from the larger centers of population, having beautiful ponds and lakes, fine scenery, splendid water supplies, invigorating air and surroundings conducive to mental and physical health. Already the shores of the lakes and ponds are being dotted with these summer camps for boys and girls, while the hills are also being chosen as acceptable places for the young people to come to for their vacations.

This movement toward Vermont ought to be encouraged in every way possible, for it brings into the state a large number of young people and their presence, in turn, attracts their elders in constantly increasing numbers. Eventually, a percentage of these people will become steady visitors during the summer months and a few may take up their permanent residence in the state, after finding out the advantages to accrue from such residence. The state will welcome these people, not merely from a sense of appreciation of the impetus to business which they bring but because of the pleasant relationship which their presence affords. It is a trend of activity which the state would do well to encourage in every way possible. There are places for hundreds of these summer camps for boys and girls of the larger cities.

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Jot down on the red ledger of war or something that strawberries are selling at 20 and 25 cents the so-called quart in Northfield. In Barre—

Small Town Stuff.

There was a tremendous crowd at the graduating exercises, about 500 being seated. Many went away and others listened at the windows.—Craftsman item.

The Powerful Katrinka Outfitted.

Ernest Davis is nursing a lame back contracted while lifting telephone poles.—Londonderry Sifter.

Pome.

The flypaper beckoned the dear little fly, And straightaway the little fly flew; And he said: "My dear, I'm very much fear I'm going to be stuck on you."

And the flypaper said: "Would you die for your love?" "Here's proof," the little fly said, With his head at rest On his sticky love's breast They found the little fly dead!

There are precious few men like the dear little fly.

Or who'd do as the fly was bid— They'll die for a maid, But I'm muchly afraid That I can't recollect who did!—Karl.

Eventually, Why Not Now?

Dear Sir and Brother: Did you ever stop to think that a man may be a good breadwinner and still all be unable to win good bread? Epictetus.

The Father of His Country.

Give honor due to Brigham Young, He may have been a son-of-a-gun But He sure did found a great new state Which he did his darndest to populate.—Travelogue in the Waterbury Record.

Don't Wait Till Sunrise!

Strange, isn't it, that when the weather changes for the better and the rains are warm instead of cold, the trees appear to be in a hurry to leave!—Ludlow Tribune.

Mayhap a Parker House.

Clarence Benson has assumed the roll

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as the new salesman for the grain store of the Green Mountain exchange. A good man for the place.—Londonderry item.

By attaining greater proficiency in the hit-and-run game, Winoski and environs once more are leading Barre in the Murder league.

There was a lady young and tall, And full of every grace; Yea, she was lovelier far than all Her sisters fair o' face.

A-riding through the morn she went, Upon a summer's day, And all who saw forgot content And put their work away.

They sought her far, they sought her wide, They saw her not again— The most alluring dream doth ride But once the ways of men.—Extraceted.

Green Mountain Echoes.

We are getting puffed up over the good attendance we are having at church.—Grand Isle item.

Cheesemaker Plumley made his first shipment of cheese last week.—Coldriver item.

These warm days it is a relief to see the stock taken to market in a truck instead of sweltering in the old way.—Fitchville item.

Mr. Frank Prescott is in town. This genial old bachelor is looking one year younger than a year ago. (West Newbury widows please take notice.)—Newbury item.

New automobiles are the order of the day, two having been purchased, we hear.—Windham item.

A revenue agent has been calling through here getting evidence to help give these book agents a quiet and retired home for the summer.—Fitchville item.

Everybody here is going to Barre July 4.—Anytown.

Red Meat, Too, We'll Betcher.

Will Campbell was in Keene twice last Monday to purchase meat.—East Acworth item.

Headville probably batted down its auricular hatches the other night when the natives welcomed Private William Dunn.

A Village Phoenix.

D. E. Rock has come up out of the ashes and is again located in Batchelder block, with Loftus as his right bower and ready to say "Next" to all who may come.—Ludlow item.

Manager Start, the movie theater man in Jeffersonville, offers a prize of two wrist watches to the most popular young lady, and perhaps it seems ridiculous, dear, to think of having a timepiece on each mitt, but we all remember when

one-on-one was only a step this side of the sport shirt.

"O Pious Thought, How Sweetly Wished"

Hale & Son have just received a large assortment of baby's wearing apparel, babies' hoods, dresses, wrappers and woolen hose, babies' shoes, ankle ties, bands, wrappers and the things which the little new arrivals need. It is just fun to look at them, and it is just fun to listen to the women and hear them say, "Oh! How cunning." Hale & Son wish for a large crop of babies this season and are prepared for one.—Newbury item.

The Ultimate Wallop: All day to trek the babbling brook, only to return with empty cage and then to pick up the p. m. paper and read the state fish and game department's rules for unhooking fish.

A reader confides a mellow recipe for old English ale, with the casual remark that proper brewing will produce a beverage possessing historic authority.

Masculine malsters have not been idle these experimental days, and a number of home cellars have something besides potatoes sprouting already. Maybe, after all—

Are you an optimist? M. S.

Must Have Looked Prosperous.

"Taxi, sir."

"No, but thank you for the compliment."—Boston Transcript.

Appraised.

Hub—Well, my dear, what do you think of the new neighbors?

Wife—Oh, Jack, they take twice as big a piece of ice as we do.—Boston Transcript.

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